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New On-Ramp to Northbound I-680 at Marina Vista Opens Tomorrow

Martinez- Weather permitting, Caltrans construction crews will open the new I-680 on-ramp from Marina Vista/Waterfront Road Interchange tomorrow afternoon, May 19, 2005, as part of the Interchanges reconstruction to accommodate the south approach to the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge and Toll Plaza.

Traffic will be switched onto the on-ramp's final alignment from Marina Vista/Waterfront Road Interchange and onto the new Mococo on-ramp and Mococo Overhead Bridges and past the new Toll Plaza before reconnecting to northbound I-680. Construction on the Marina Vista Interchange Project is scheduled to be complete in late-December 2005, with the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge being completed in mid-2007.

Motorists are advised to use caution when traveling on this newly aligned on-ramp, and on northbound I-680 where the ramps new entry point is on the incline, or south approach of the existing Benicia-Martinez Bridge. Motorists are also advised that traffic violations in construction zones, are subject to double fines and to slow for the cone zone.

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